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Title: Need to extend and upgrade the railway network in Mathurapur Parliamentary Constituency, West Bengal.

PROF. BASUDEB BARMAN (MATHURAPUR): The daily inconvenience and suffering of the people of Sunderbans (Districts North and South 24 Parganas) of West Bengal, a considerable part of which falls in my Parliamentary Constituency 16 Mathurapur (SC), due to non-availability of required railway services, are quite high and I like to request for extension of railway network facilities for : (i) Jaynagar to Raidighi, (ii) Canning to Jamtala, (iii) Jaynagar to Dhamakhali and (iv) Park circus to Dhamakhali and laying of double lines in Baruipur Diamond Harbour Section (of which work in the Baruipur - Magrahat sub-section requires steady implementation work in this sub-section is yet to commence) and in the Baruipur-Lakshmikantapur-Kakdwip-Namkhana Section. It is needless to state that people of the area who travel by trains suffer under inhuman situations due to very heavy congestion in the compartments of the local trains running on the single track in these sections.

Also, the idea of having a halt station at Madhavanagar Road between Nishindapur and Kashinagar stations in Sealdah-Lakshmikantapur-Kakdwip-Namkhana section may be reconsidered in view of the fact that people of the nearby area require it very badly.

I therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to initiate necessary action to remove some of the difficulties of the people of the Sundarbans, mostly inhabited by poor SC, ST and Backward classes communities, at an early date.